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Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: May 28, 1952

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SUBJECT: SITUATION IN GUATEMALA

PARTICIPANTS: [redacted] Head of Anti-Communist Movement in Guatemala
ARA - Mr. Mann
MID - Mr. Clark

COPIES TO: ARA - Mr. Mann
MID - Mr. Nufer
Mr. Siracusa
Amembassy, Guatemala (Informally)

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At his request, an appointment was made for [redacted] to speak with Mr. Mann this morning about the political situation in Guatemala and the part being played therein by the Anti-Communist movement of which he is allegedly the leader. [redacted] described the situation in the same terms as he had described it to Mr. Siracusa and Mr. Clark on the preceding day (see Memo of Conversation dated May 27.) He emphasized that there was bound to be trouble in Guatemala in the near future and stated that his purpose in visiting the Department was to determine what the attitude of the United States Government would be in the event of serious disorders. Mr. Mann told [redacted] as had Mr. Siracusa and Mr. Clark, that the United States, in accordance with its traditional policy, would not intervene in any internal Guatemalan disturbances. [redacted] said he understood the U.S. position but desired to know definitely so that his group would know precisely what support it could or could not count on.

[redacted] said he was trying to buy arms and ammunition for a show-down with the Guatemalan Government. The Anti-Communists did not want violence, he said, but they would resort to it if there was no other way. He was endeavoring to purchase equipment here, but thus far had been unsuccessful. He planned to go to Canada, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Venezuela, and Nicaragua in his search for arms and support. If successful, the arms would be flown to Honduras, from which place he would personally lead a force of revolutionists across the border. He said his movement was not associated in any way with that of Colonel Castillo Armas.

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